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WE are glad to see the active interest which is manifested in us by the Western Alumni. It is one of the best things that could occur for the College. Looking at us from a distance and being out of the old ruts, they are able to see things and suggest improvements in various matters which persons here would never notice. Much good will undoubtedly accrue from this prominent organization.

THERE is one matter in connection with the Oratorical Prize Contest which deserves attention. That is the lack of interest manifested in it by the Undergraduates. It

is essentially a Student's affair and, as such, demands their support not only pecuniarily but they should lend encouragement to it by their presence. As a mark of courtesy to those taking part in the performance they should feel bound to attend. A feeling seems to be growing in College, from year to year, against such things: our Washington's Birthday celebration had to be discontinued on account of lack of interest, and now for this contest it is with the greatest difficulty that the necessary funds can be raised, and when this has been accomplished, and the exhibition comes off, the hall is but partially filled. We hope the students will look upon the matter in the proper light.

THE Commons have been started on a new plan which bids fair to be successful. We are making a sort of experiment for the rest of this year, and on its success depends the maintenance of the Dining Hall. Such being the case it becomes the duty of every Undergraduate to support it even at a little personal inconvenience. The large number of students now boarding elsewhere is a serious drawback.

The Steward is not given a fair chance. It is impossible that the Commons can be made a success without some exertion on our part. Surely there ought to be enough patriotism among the Undergraduates to support them. As far as we can judge there would be no question of their success if those boarding outside the College would return. It would be but a little sacrifice, and as the cause of their leaving has been removed, they should hesitate no longer on returning.

THE work on our new Athletic field has been completed, and we must congratulate the Sophomores upon the success of their endeavors, for we will undoubtedly have one of the finest fields in the country. The Athletic

Association expect to hold their Spring meeting upon it, as the track will be finished in time. It is to be regretted that the track is not to be a cinder one. As it stands at present, it has been pronounced, by competent judges, impossible to make good records upon it. Now this is something which should be remedied at once. It would cost more to be sure, and if the Sophomores do not feel able to bear the additional expense, let them give the matter into the hands of the Athletic Association. It will have to be changed sooner or later, and it would be well if it could be done in time for our coming exhibition. We should not run the risk of having all the records spoiled.

IN another column will be found an interesting communication on commencement time which doubtless expresses the feelings of many of our Alumni. All of us, even in College, have felt that Class Day and Commencement are separated by too long an interval. It would be a great change for the better if Class Day were placed upon the Tuesday or Wednesday of Commencement Week. For in that case the loss of so much time that occurs by the present arrangement, and which is felt so severely by many of the Alumni, would be avoided. There are some objections to the athletic exhibition which is suggested on account of the warm weather and the difficulty of training during examinations, but something might be done in that way. There is no doubt that it would add greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion. We hope that the Faculty and Undergraduates will alike consider the matter. Class Day could easily be changed so that it would fall in the same week as Commencement, without disturbing the existing state of affairs to any great extent. The plan will, we feel sure, commend itself to all. If the matter were taken up at once, something might be done this year.

WE are sorry to be obliged to chronicle the defeat of our ball nine at Amherst. But there is one circumstance which added very materially to our defeat that is not generally understood. We refer to the Umpire.

He is a professional, the regular pitcher of the Albanys, and trained the Amherst pitcher this year, and consequently it is easy to see on which side he was naturally prejudiced. He not only made various signals to the pitcher, but called strikes when it was manifestly unfair, and this was carried to such an extent that it spoiled the batting of our nine, for they were compelled to strike at anything. If they did not, it was almost sure to be called a strike anyhow. This was not the case with one or two only, but the same tactics were pursued towards them all. Finally he declared a man out on home base when the catcher of the Amherst nine himself affirmed that he had not touched him. Persisting in his decision he was removed. Now we do not claim that with a fair umpire we would have won the game, but the score would have been a very different one. One of the greatest charms of the Intercollegiate ball games is that people can witness them with the assurance that every thing is fair and square, and that there is no underhand work. Such being the case, the employment, by the Amherst nine, of such an Umpire, becomes doubly reprehensible. For the sake of victory, it is stooping to the tricks which are such a disgrace to professional ball playing. It is a matter of congratulation that such actions are of rare occurrence.

ALUMNI MEETING.

A number of the Alumni, residing in the neighborhood of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on the evening of April 23rd, met at the Monongahela House, for the purpose of forming a permanent organization of the graduates residing in that vicinity. Dr. Bolles, '30, of Cleveland, called the meeting to order. The following gentlemen were elected as the permanent officers of the organization: The Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, '54, President; the Rev. W. R. Mackay, '57, Vice-President; W. R. Blair, '75, Secretary; and J. H. K. Burgwin, '77, Treasurer. The meeting then adjourned to an elaborate banquet. Speeches on the present condition of the College, stories of College days, and songs were the order of the day. Letters were read from a large number of Alumni who

were unable to be present. Among them, from Bishop Williams, '37, of Connecticut; Gov. VanZant, '51. of Rhode Island; Judge W. E. Curtis, '43, of the Superior Court of New York; Hon. Wm. Hamersley, '58, State Attorney of Connecticut; and the Hon. E. M. Gallaudet, Pres't Deaf Mute College, of Washington, D. C. A committee was appointed to present the views of the meeting at the next Commencement relative to the administration of the College, the representation of the Alumni in the Board of Trustees, and the holding of entrance examinations for admission in the Western cities. The next annual meeting will be held at Cleveland.

DREAMLAND.

When the soft autumnal winds invite
Sweet sleep to weary eyes,
On Fancy's roseate pinions light
My soul to Dreamland flies.

The purple mountain-peaks remote
Are veiled in a golden haze;
On the sapphire sea a fairy boat
With the laughing wavelets plays.

On the hillside starred with flowers gay,
In the shade of a mossy rock,
The shepherd pipes his amorous lay,
And guards the peaceful flock.

In the dusky forest a carpet is spread,
The moss and the long, cool grass,
And through the branches overhead
The glinting sunbeams pass.

The ocean, ever restless, strives
For what can never be.
'Tis a symbol fair of our mortal lives—
A sweet, sad mystery.

A nameless charm the air pervades,
And soothes the complaining heart,
Content to dream, till its sorrow fades
And its longings all depart.

Low adown the long light streameth
As the sun sinks to his rest.
The soul is satisfied, meseemeth,
With beatific visions blest.

ABEL AUDREY.

BASE BALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

The season of 1880 has opened with the probability of the College Base Ball Championship being well contested. The famous Brown nine of last year, having lost its mainstay in their pitcher, Richmond, seems to have but little chance of keeping up their brilliant record of the past year. This is plainly shown by the game of May 8th, with Princeton, which resulted in a victory for the latter, by a score of sixteen to two. Princeton, by the way, seems to have an unusually strong nine this year; and from her record so far, it would not be surprising if she came out very near the head. Harvard, having lost the veterans who contributed so largely to her success of former seasons, has been forced to organize a comparatively new nine. This is greatly to her disadvantage, as is clearly shown by the games with Dartmouth and Yale, having been defeated in the former by fourteen to three and in the latter by the overwhelming and unprecedented score of twenty-one to four; Yale batting Harvard's new pitcher for twenty-one single base hits, with a total of thirty-three. This seems to prove decisive as far as Yale's chance of winning the series with Harvard is concerned, but it is difficult to judge of the final results at this early date. Harvard's well known faculty for strengthening her weak points may yet come to her service, and the crimson may once more come to the front as in former years. It is perhaps a fortunate thing for other colleges that Yale took the action she did in regard to the Intercollegiate Association, for if hard batting and good fielding mean anything, Yale certainly would have given all the other nines a sharp tussle for the championship. A new and, by no means, contemptible competitor for the championship has this year appeared in the shape of the Dartmouth nine, which has been doing good work so far, defeating Harvard and several of the lesser colleges. Who knows but that Dartmouth may prove the dark horse in the contest and carry off the palm from the larger and hitherto invincible colleges.

To come down from this more general theme to the base ball matters at home. Our own nine has so far rather disappointed our

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expectations. Although far stronger in the field than for some time past, their great weakness lies in poor batting, and above all, in the lack of a sufficiently skillful pitcher. Let us hope that by steady and careful practice they will remedy these defects and wipe out the two defeats which they have suffered at the hands of Amherst and Wesleyan.

G. K.

AN OLD MAN'S VISION.

Weary and lone was his pilgrimage,
 Weary and lone, and sad,
 But still the old man journeyed on,
 And the light on his face was glad;
 For he knew at the end of his journey,
 The stainless angels stood
 To welcome him home forever,
 To eternal brotherhood.

And often, with dreaming vision,
 As he looked far out to the west,
 He thought he heard sweet music
 From the distant homes of the blest;
 Then his heart within him grew heavy,
 And he longed that he might see
 That land of peaceful waters,
 From pain and heartache free.

But once, on a summer's twilight,
 As he sat by the tranquil sea,
 And dreamed again of his early love,
 The gladsome yet tender Marie;
 Whom he prayed was waiting, waiting
 Her peace with him to share,
 With the sun-dipped light of Heaven
 On the sheen of her golden hair.

He fancied he saw in the glimmer,
 In the tremulous play of the waves,
 A maiden swiftly approaching,
 While the moon her beauty bathes;
 She was clad in simple raiment,
 And in the folds of her hair
 A single floweret blossomed,
 As tho' its home were there.

Softly she bent above him,
 Softly, with accent of love,
 She whispered "I'm waiting my darling,
 I'm waiting for you above;"
 Then, as the old man clasped her
 With happy tears to his breast,
 She seemed to fade and to banish
 Into the infinite west.

* * * * *

He knew he had been but dreaming,
 He was sitting there alone,
 But the light that hovered 'round him
 Was a beam from the Master's throne.

EUGENE.

LEAVES FROM MY DIARY.

CONTRIBUTED BY AN OLD TRINITY MAN.

My Freshman Year proceeded very pleasantly, although, I suppose, I was always doing freshy things. I cannot now recall anything that happened worthy of notice. We will therefore pass over the winter in silence. Spring came with all its pleasures and life. On April 5th, there took place a great cane rush with the Sophomores. I was the happy man chosen to carry the cane. Just before the old Chapel door was closed, I boldly marched in with a large, heavy cane, or, more accurately, a small club. The Sophs did not expect the pleasure of a cane rush. They were unable to understand how any one could venture on such a perilous undertaking. Little attention, I am afraid, was paid to the Service, for during the whole time the Sophomores laughed and glared at us. The upper classmen also whispered and looked significantly towards the South-east corner of the Chapel. At length the service was over. The Seniors and Juniors left Chapel, of course, first; then the Sophomores made their exit. Finally, our turn came, but we did not leave in our usual straggling manner but *en-masse*. The precious cane was surrounded by some of the strongest men in our class. No sooner were we outside the chapel door than the Sophs cried: "Fresh! O, Fresh!!," and demanded the cane. We refused to surrender it. Then came the fight. We were surrounded by our enemies and a grab was made for the cane. They, at length, got hold of one end of it. The struggle grew hotter and hotter. No mercy was shown. Fists were used and kicks freely delivered and taken. Coats were torn and not a hat was to be seen. The noise and yells were almost deafening. The grave Seniors vociferously cheered the Sophomores, and the Juniors, the Freshmen. At one time the enemy had the advantage, and then our men rallied and the tide was turned. The Faculty now came on the scene and endeavored to separate us by threats of punishment and expulsion, but with no immediate appreciable effect. Finally, two members of the Faculty, after great trouble and labor, succeeded in elbowing

their way to the cane. It took some time before they could persuade a Soph and a Fresh to part with it. The awful majesty of the law triumphed. The hard fight was over, both sides claiming the victory. But the victory was undoubtedly on neither side. All the Under-classmen had to make up extra work as punishment for the fun of that morning of April 5th. About six of us, myself included, were rusticated for the rest of the term.

I was back to College in September, as a Sophomore. In my Freshman year I had been hazed, and I, at that time, vowed to take vengeance on the incoming class. I rubbed my hands with satisfaction, as I gazed on the forty green Freshmen. We all declared that they were the freshest crowd that we had ever seen. On September 21st, about ten congenial spirits went on a hazing tour. On that evening, we initiated about eight Freshmen and finished with Joseph T——r. Now Joe was a very cheeky Freshman. He did not have a respectful and deferential manner. He did not seem to care. We considered this very unbecoming in a Freshman, we therefore resolved to smoke him out in addition to putting him to bed. His room was No. 14 B. H., and we had no difficulty in gaining admittance. Joe was surprised to receive so many visitors, but entertained us as cordially as could be expected, under the circumstances. He apologized for his inability to setting it up to us. We forgave him and lit our pipes and poured forth volumes of smoke. We kept this up for about an hour; the room, at length, was almost suffocating. The Freshman grinned and said that we could not smoke *him* out. Of course, such an unbiased opinion encouraged us. This business of smoking was growing monotonous, until my old friend, Billy Brasse, suggested that we compel Freshy to stand on the table and thus have full benefit of the cloud of smoke at the top of the room. A committee of two elevated him and there he stood. He was growing pale and smiled sickly, but we smokers were lying on the floor watching our victim. At length the plucky Freshman began to give evidence of feeling decidedly unwell, which was very acceptable to us. The climax came about five minutes afterwards

and poor Freshman was as sick as a dog. We nursed him and put him to bed, and after wishing him an affectionate good-night, we left him. Next morning Joe did not appear at Chapel. We only laughed and thought no more of the matter. On the following day the President sent for me. He told me to leave town on the 2.20 train! No explanation was given, but I was told that everything would be explained on my reaching home. I hesitated to comply, but my friends persuaded me. I hastily packed my things and left town, and reached home to the great surprise of my parents. That evening a letter reached my father, from the President, stating that I had been guilty of the heinous offence of hazing Freshmen, and as this was my second serious violation of the law, I was, therefore, dismissed from College. I bemoaned my fate and an effort was made to induce the Faculty to reconsider their decision but without success. I therefore went into business, always regretting that my college course was thus abruptly brought to an untimely end.

COMMUNICATIONS.

[Communications upon current topics are invited for this column. It is expected that they shall be written in a courteous tone. The writer's full name, as well as his *nom de plume*, must accompany the article. The editors do not necessarily approve the opinions expressed.]

"THE DANBURY NEWS" HEARD FROM.

To the Editors of the Tablet :

A friend has loaned me a copy of the TABLET for April 23d, containing a report of my address before your society. As the report is a very fair one, I desire to preserve it in the family archives; will you please send me a copy of the TABLET of that date?

Yours sincerely,
J. M. BAILEY.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK.

To the Editors of the Tablet :

I am always gratified in attending the exercises of Class Day and Commencement. I find a common complaint among those of us who do not live in the neighborhood of New England, that they cannot spare so long a

time from business as to attend both. It takes from four to six days traveling and, the week spent at College makes up about two weeks. Could not Class Day be changed to the Monday or Tuesday preceding Commencement? In this way many could attend both days, to whom it is now a great inconvenience to do so. You would make your Commencement Week more brilliant, for as it is now it is too much strung out to attract many who would otherwise attend. A gymnastic or athletic exhibition, during the week, would contribute much towards the pleasure of the season, and if the start was made, I will venture the prophecy that in a few years our commencement season would have some attraction for every day, for the three or four days it lasts, and make it the gala time it ought to be.

ALUMNUS.

COLLEGE AND CAMPUS.

LAWN TENNIS.

Lawn Tennis is still a favorite amusement, for a number of the students spend most of their time on the Tennis field. We have a number of fine players here, and a very good team could be formed, who would certainly do credit to Trinity in any contest. It is purposed, we understand, to have a Handicap very soon.

LECTURE MONEY.

The following distribution of the profits of Dr. Eccleston's first lecture, that on Westminster Abbey, has been made by the officers of the Athletic Association, under whose auspices the lecture was given.

To the Base Ball Nine, - - -	\$125.00
To the Boat Club, - - - -	26.00
For Athletics, - - - - -	75.00

THE IVY.

The *Ivy* appeared just before recess and gives general satisfaction. The whole number indicates great care and taste, as there are but few typographical errors. There are many new features in this year's issue, and the photographs of the editors, by Mr. H. J. Rodgers, of this city, are excellent. The editors have sensibly used the same cover that was designed last year. We understand that there has been a rapid sale. The board

of editors are, Messrs. Pattison, *Managing Editor*, Washburne, Reineman, Elmer, and Huntington.

THE ATHLETIC FIELD.

Since our last issue the plan of preparing the athletic field has been materially changed. It was found that the plan of leveling the grounds by removing the turf and spading off the slight elevations and filling in the hollows, would still leave it in a comparatively rough condition. After due deliberation the committee of the class of '82, who have the work in charge, entered into a new contract with Mr. McClunie, involving an additional expenditure of two hundred dollars, in accordance with which the field has been plowed, harrowed, dragged, and sown. The track may be used this season, but the diamond will not be laid out till a turf of sufficient body has formed, meanwhile the nine must use the old spot, which has been improved by several good rollings, and on which the class of '82 have generously erected a fine back stop.

CRICKET MEETING.

There was a meeting of the Cricket Club at No. 20 Jarvis Hall, May 13th. The following officers were elected:

President, Mr. George Kneeland.
Sec. and Treas., Mr. Alfred P. Grint.
Captain, Mr. W. Stanley Emery.
Governing Committee, Messrs. G. Kneeland, W. S. Emery, W. B. Nelson, and D. M. Bohlen.

It was decided to arrange the Diamond for a Cricket field, and other arrangements are to be made, and we many expect to see the new club in a thoroughly organized condition. The price of admission has been fixed at one dollar, and no one, not a member of the club, will be allowed to play on the grounds, or with the club property. There are at present thirty-five names on the list. Present appearances are, that the choice of a College eleven may be speedily expected.

COMMONS.

Since our last issue, there have been observable many changes in our surroundings. One in particular affects our most vital interests—our stomachs. Our Commons have been a source of great trouble to most

of the students, but particularly to the much-abused Dining-Hall Committee. Mr. C. W. Bolles, who has had charge for most of the present collegiate year, resigned his position, and took his leave at the beginning of the Easter Recess. Samuel Harris, who filled the position of head waiter during the stewardship of Mr. Bolton, has for some time been suing for the position, which, by the resignation of Mr. Bolles, has been made vacant. The Committee, after consulting with the President and Mr. Graves, have engaged Mr. Harris as steward, with a salary of \$75 per month, thus preventing the temptation of giving poor board, in order that the profits might be increased. The matter of the College Commons is now entirely in the hands of the Students, and the Committee are fully determined to furnish good wholesome food, and for the least possible money. All depends, however, on the payment of board strictly in advance, and this is most strongly recommended by the committee. Mr. Harris is most anxious to please, and if he continues to do his best, we can hope for and expect perfect satisfaction in the arrangement of the Dining Hall.

ATHLETIC CONTEST.

On Wednesday, the 5th of May, a meeting of the Athletic Association was held in the Latin Room, the Vice President, Mr. Jones, in the chair, to decide upon the time of holding the Spring meeting of the Association. It was decided to appoint the 29th of May as the time. Instead of the bits of ribbon, formerly awarded as prizes, gold and silver medals will be given this year. Some such incentive was undoubtedly needed to prevent the hundred yards dash contest from being overcrowded at the expense of the other entries, as would probably otherwise have been the case. The cup given by '81 has been well discussed, and our would-be athletes will vie with each other for the honor of holding the cup. Let us hope for a very good record. The running track promises to be in perfect order by the time it is required. The following is the list of Events of the contest on the 29th:

1. Hundred yard dash.
2. Putting the shot.

3. Two mile walk.
4. Running broad jump.
5. Throwing the hammer.
6. Half mile run.
7. Three-legged race.
8. Throwing base-ball.
9. Dash of 440 yards.
10. Running long jump.
11. One mile walk.
12. Standing long jump.
13. Hurdle-race.
14. Pole vaulting.
15. One mile run.
16. Sack race.
17. Dash of 220 yards.

The order of the Tugs of War will be arranged hereafter.

BASE BALL.

On Saturday, May 8th, our nine was rather badly defeated by the Amherst Club, on the grounds of the latter. The first part of the game was well played on both sides. Throughout the contest the fielding of our men was good, though their batting was very weak. The umpiring of the Amherst coach, Correy, was so manifestly unfair that in the seventh inning he was removed, and Mr. Thurston took his place. Below is the score.

TRINITY.

	Times at Bat.	Runs.	1 B.	Total Bases.	P. O.	A.	E.
Rodgers, s. s.,	4	0	0	0	0	2	1
Howell, r. f.,	4	0	0	0	2	0	0
Cook, p.,	4	0	0	0	0	3	2
Crosby, 1 b.,	4	0	0	0	11	0	2
Holway, 3 b.,	4	1	0	0	2	0	2
Goodrich, l. f.,	3	1	0	0	1	2	0
Wright, c.,	3	1	0	0	3	0	2
Drum, c. f.,	3	0	1	1	4	1	1
Carter, 2 b.,	3	0	3	0	4	4	1
	32	3	1	1	27	12	11

AMHERST.

	Times at Bat.	Runs.	1 B.	Total Bases.	P. O.	A.	E.
Chase, s. s.,	6	1	1	2	0	0	0
Blair, l. f.,	6	1	2	2	0	0	0
Sawyer, p.,	6	1	0	0	0	21	1
Woodward, c.,	4	2	0	0	19	3	2
Arnd, r. f.,	5	2	2	2	1	0	1
Latimer, 3 b.,	5	3	3	5	2	1	0
Tucker, c. f.,	5	2	1	1	1	0	0
Warren, 2 b.,	5	2	1	1	1	0	3
Gibson, 1 b.,	5	2	2	2	3	0	3
	43	16	12	15	27	25	10

The first game between Trinity and Wesleyan was played in Hartford, on Saturday,

May 15th. Wesleyan had the lead for three innings, but in the fourth our men made six runs, putting them ahead. Trinity then led till the last inning, when seven runs were made by our opponents, thus giving them the game. The fielding on both sides was very poor. The batting was not as heavy as one would suppose from the large score. Some very good plays were made though the game was not at all an even one. Below is the score.

TRINITY.						
	Time at Bat.	Runs.	1st B.	Total Bases.	P. O.	A. E.
Rodgers, s. s.,	6	3	2	2	0	2 3
Howell, r. f.,	6	2	1	3	1	0 1
Cook, l. f.,	6	1	2	2	1	0 1
Wilcox, 2 b.,	6	2	1	3	2	2 1
Crosby, 1 b.,	5	1	1	1	8	0 3
Goodrich, p.,	6	1	0	0	2	7 4
Drum, c. f.,	5	2	2	2	1	0 1
Wright, c.,	5	2	2	2	9	2 5
Carter, 3 b.,	5	2	1	1	3	3 1
	50	16	11	16	27	16 20

WESLEYAN.						
	Time at Bat.	Runs.	1st B.	Total Bases.	P. O.	A. E.
Nolan, 3 b.,	7	1	1	1	2	1 1
Tyler, c. f.,	7	0	0	0	3	0 1
Camp, l. f.,	6	3	3	3	0	0 0
Hallock, p.,	6	2	3	3	1	10 2
Allen, s. s.,	6	3	2	4	2	2 4
Chase, 1 b.,	6	4	2	4	7	0 1
deCastro, 2 b.,	6	3	4	4	2	1 4
Blair, c.,	6	0	1	1	10	1 5
Maynard, r. f.,	6	1	5	5	0	0 0
	56	17	21	25	27	15 18

ORATORICAL CONTEST.

The Oratorical Prize Contest took place on the evening of Thursday, the 13th of May; at Seminary Hall. The President briefly explained the nature of the contest, whose management and arrangement is entirely in the hands of the Students. The following was the order of speaking:—

"Pere Hyacinthe," - Alexander T. Mason, Mass.
 "Vox Clamantis," - Charles Wright Freeland, Ga.
 "The Present Age," - Harry Campbell Black, Pa.
 "Ambition," - Charles T. Hamilton, Conn.
 "Skepticism not to be Dreaded," T. M. N. George, Ga.
 "Contemplation of Death," Ernest F. Henderson, N. Y.

Mr. Mason not being able to speak, on account of illness, Mr. Freeland opened the contest with his "Vox Clamantis," which was very ably written. He portrayed the dangers threatening the country and our social system from Socialism and Romanism, and uttered a warning against those who are in-

different to the dangers which threaten the age from these two systems.

Mr. Black, the next speaker, said: "The present age is emphatically one of progress, and this is manifested in all the departments of learning and of scientific investigation. The opportunities for men of ability to make their mark upon the World's history were never before so magnificent. In each of these phases of civilization, social, religious and political, there are the same grand opportunities offered to the acceptance of the men of to-day. There are calls for prompt and vigorous action on the part of those who lead the times."

Mr. Hamilton showed how ambition is not a passion to be condemned; that by it every great action is accomplished, and that it is our duty to make our action in life as high as possible. He closed by an appeal to be "up and doing," and to cherish feelings of energy and hope.

Then came Mr. George on "Skepticism." He said, "Our age is one of the highest belief, and the highest disbelief. It affords men, whose faith is as firm as that of the martyrs of old; but, on the other hand, never was skepticism more active, or apparently more dangerous. It is struggling against revelation as it never struggled before, and in the deadly combat between skepticism and religion, many doubt which will be victorious." The speaker then went on to show that in skepticism itself are the germs of its own destruction, and that it cannot succeed, depriving men, as it does, of all consolation and hope.

Mr. Henderson then spoke on the "Contemplation of Death," which he advocated in a very original and pleasing manner, proving that, although as it is generally understood, Death is by no means a cheerful subject, yet to him who has lost friends who have "gone before," and to him who would look at things as they are, its contemplation would prove by no means unprofitable.

The committee of award, consisting of Ex-Governor Hubbard, the Rev. J. H. Watson, and Mr. Charles H. Clark, then retired to make the decision. During the interval, several of the students sang some of the College songs, and other melodies, which were well

received by the audience. On the return of the committee, President Pynchon announced that the gold medal had been awarded to Mr. George and the silver medal to Mr. Black.

THE FIELD OF THE CLOTH OF GOLD.

On last Tuesday, this long talked of burlesque was placed upon the boards in a manner which reflected great credit on all concerned in its management and representation. During the day a storm seemed brewing, yet the evening was clear. The audience was of the most select kind and very appreciative, yet small, owing probably to a prejudice against burlesque, and an erroneous idea that the piece was not altogether proper. All who were present said that the singing, acting and costuming could hardly have been improved, except in some very minor points, and pronounced it the finest entertainment the students have ever given. The play was gotten up in the interest of the Athletic Association, by Messrs. Young, Kneeland, Perkins and Loveridge, the latter acting as financier. The committee gave the entire stage management and arrangement of costumes into the hands of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Bull, so well known in Hartford amateur performances. Mrs. Bull has added another plume to her great reputation for taste and skill in stage dressing, laboring in the most indefatigable manner to make the costumes effective, and showing the greatest kindness to all concerned in the play. After the representation, the actors presented a handsome basket of flowers to Mrs. Bull, as a slight token of their appreciation of her zeal in their behalf; and the whole body of students should be thankful for having a friend so interested in their affairs. In speaking of the cast, we must be brief. Mr. Perkins, '81, as Henry VIII., carried out his part admirably, though somewhat nervous, and looked it to perfection. In the tournament scene, especially, Mr. Perkins was very good, curbing his unruly steed in a manner that created much sport. King Francis, in the hands of Mr. Kneeland, '80, in point of acting could hardly have been excelled. In the dressing scene, Mr. Kneeland brought down the house by some ludi-

crous by-play. The character of Earl Darnley, by Mr. Young, '82, was finely sustained throughout. Mr. Young excelled in acting, and made up by the quality of his voice for a slight lack of volume. His dances with Lady Constance were particularly graceful. Mr. Washburn, '81, as Sir Guy, the Cripple, Darnley's villainous enemy and rival, was very good. All are well acquainted with the full, deep tones of his powerful voice, which won their accustomed applause. His solo, "I Fear No Foe," before the deadly combat of the tournament, was grandly received. The scene in which he appeared with the three ruffians, Von Schlascher, Mr. Nelson, '80, Von Krasher, Mr. Trowbridge, '83, and Von Smascher, Mr. Burton, '83, was one of the finest parts of the play. The make up of the villains was enough to make the boldest heart tremble, their songs were well sung, and the steps and pantomime gained generous applause. The Duke of Suffolk, Mr. Miller, '80, was splendidly represented, and his acting with Le Sieur De Boissy, Mr. Burgwin, '82, made some of the most ludicrous parts of the play. Their duet, "Oh, I'm a Field Marshal," was very good, and deservedly encored. De Boissy's assistant, Bloc, Mr. Stone, '80, looked after the multitude with as much skill as his honorable master could wish for. Queen Katherine, Mr. Appleton, '80, was immense, (excuse the slang,) in appearance, acting, and size, but, despite size, Mr. Appleton's face and figure, under Mrs. Bull's careful management, bore a decidedly feminine aspect of grand and lofty port. Katherine's song of "The funny old gal," accompanied with dancing, created much laughter, especially at the mention and display of "her big feet," and the attempt of the atrocious boot-black to put a shine on her white kid shoes. The Queen was attended by two gorgeously attired pages, Freddy and Willie Bull, who bore the ends of her red velvet and ermine cloak.

Anne Boleyn, Mr. Sheldon, '82, was very pretty and acted with grace and sang sweetly. The part in which she danced during Suffolk and DeBoissy's duet "Oh, I'm a Field Marshal," and sang her song "When first I came to the English Court," is especially deserving of notice. The most charming character on the stage was Lady Constance

DeGray, Mr. Appleton, '82, who in make up was perfect and managed her long train beautifully. Her acting was both natural and vivacious, and took with the audience finely. Her solos, also, were beautifully rendered. She, and her lover, Darnley, were a lovely couple, and their characters were decidedly the best rendered. Rose De La Foix, Mr. Strong, '82, was well gotten up, and cheered King Francis by her presence. The choruses sang very well indeed, tho' in one or two pieces there was a tendency to sing fast at the expense of good enunciation. Their costumes added to the gaiety of the stage; among the ladies, Messrs. Bohlen and Carter divided the honors, one excelling in beauty, the other in lady-like carriage. In the early part of the fifth act, Messrs. Burton and Trowbridge, '83, came in as jew peddlers and sang the "Pins and Needles" song. At the end of the third act was introduced the "Skids" chorus which called forth storms of applause. Unfortunately, the "highly caparisoned horses" did not arrive from New York, and those that were used were improvised by their noble riders during the afternoon. It is to be hoped that such precious necks will not be intrusted to so fiery animals again. Space will not permit us to mention the many capital hits and funny situations throughout the play; Mr. Carpenter's appearance, during the chorus "Come to the joyful banquet now prepared" as the well known New Haven refreshment runner on the N. Y., N. H. & H. Railroad, ringing a bell and giving the familiar cry, "Ten minutes for refreshments" etc; the grand manner in which the kings cast largess (peanuts) to their subjects (and audience); the transparency which was borne in by the policemen in their chorus, etc., etc. The songs, of which there were more than thirty, were composed by Mr. Nelson, '80, in whose skillful hands the play was both improved and enlarged. Dr. Bolton very kindly took charge of the calcium light that was used during the performance. The music was selected from among the gems of the most popular operas of the day, with a few College airs. Mr. Brainerd, the accompanist, formerly of the class of '82, has labored most faithfully in drilling the singers, coming from Portland,

Conn., many times a week for the rehearsals. So much pains had been taken by everyone concerned in the performance, that the troupe were rather disappointed in the size of the audience as our athletics will receive probably less than a hundred dollars. Wednesday afternoon, a representation was given at the Retreat, the use of which stage had been so kindly granted the company for their rehearsals, which passed off very nicely tho' the stage was cramped. So much enthusiasm was expressed by the audience on Tuesday, and so many have expressed the desire of having the piece repeated, that the managers, after weighing the matter, have decided to give another entertainment on Monday evening, the 24th. All who have not seen it should embrace this opportunity of spending a delightful evening, and, it is hoped, those who have will not be less amused the second time.

DOINGS AT OTHER COLLEGES.

BROWN.

The college authorities have shown their interest in college sports by mending the practice ground of the base ball team. Four games have been played with professional nines; all lost.

COLUMBIA.

Columbia has graduated 1,494.

Many students are going to Europe this summer.

The Cricket Eleven took the field on the 28th ult.

A box of fossil bones have been unexpectedly discovered in a cellar of the old college building.

HARVARD.

The average daily attendance at the "James" is 300.

Harvard will be more fully represented at Mott Haven than ever before.

The Glee Club are censured for giving the same programme at its different concerts.

The flags that have been won in University and Class races have been placed in the gymnasium.

WILLIAMS.

The Sophomores have dwindled from 70 to

The Seniors are to graduate in caps and gowns.

Williams has withdrawn from the Inter-Collegiate Literary Association.

The Sophomores have elected Analytics in preference to Latin and Greek. They will regret it.

Dr. Chadbourne remarked, if Grant were nominated, he would take the stump and speak against him in every state from Maine to California.

YALE.

Bicycling is all the rage.

An effort is being made to open the library on Sundays.

Eighty-one has seventy smokers; fifty-three per cent. of the whole class.

The boat crew have been rowing twice every day. A steam launch is needed for coaching purposes.

President Porter opposes the introduction of Spencer's Sociology as a text book, on account of its infidel tendencies.

The Junior and Sophomore base ball nines have been consolidated and are training to fill vacancies in the university nine whenever any arise.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Cricket is thriving at Haverford.

The University of Pennsylvania is to have a gymnasium.

The first college paper was published in 1801, at Dartmouth.

Co-education is a success at London University. There are 211 female students.

The record in boating between Oxford and Cambridge stands nineteen to seventeen in favor of the former.

President Angell, of Michigan University, has been appointed Minister to China by the United States Government. Prof. Frieze has been elected acting president.

PERSONALS.

[It is particularly desired that the Alumni furnish us with all items of interest that may come to their knowledge, concerning every one who has been connected with the College.]

Buck, '59. The one thousand dollar prize of the Musical Festival Association, of Cincinnati, for the best musical work written by a native born American, has been awarded to

Dudley Buck, for his composition entitled "Scenes from Longfellow's Golden Legend." We copy the following from the *Cincinnati Daily Times*. "A glance at the work of Mr. Dudley Buck will show, that his genius possessed the requisites sought for, and that he has made of his Golden Legend, a composition that must establish, at once, the claims of America to rank with the musical countries of the world, a position Europe has long been loth to accord us."

BULL, '59. Mr. and Mrs. Bull very kindly took charge of the burlesque rehearsals.

DELANO, '65. F. R. Delano has, it seems, taken a prominent position in local affairs at Niagara, occupying at present the positions of Cashier at the Cataract Bank, one of the owners of the International Hotel, and Treasurer and Director of the Niagara Falls Brewing Co.

MACKAY-SMITH, '72. The Rev. Alexander Mackay-Smith, at present Assistant Rector of Trinity Church, South Boston, has been chosen Associate Rector of St. Thomas' Church, New York, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Courtney.

CARPENTER, '79. J. S. Carpenter has been examined for the Medical Staff of the Penn. National Guards.

BIDWELL, '80. L. B. Bidwell has returned to College.

LANPHER, '80. L. A. Lanpher, having returned to College, is bracing up the Glee Club.

MCCRACKEN, '82. J. H. McCracken has gone to Switzerland on account of the illness of an aunt.

EXCHANGES.

Where is *The Harvard Echo*? We hope that there is no truth in the rumor that it has suspended publication.

The Tablet of the Hopkins Grammar School speaks of us as its mother. We are proud to have such an offspring.

The Knox Student is very strong in its editorial department; they are always ably written. "The Right of Insurrection" is hardly a proper subject for a college journal; one expects to find such in a *Littell*.

The Horæ Scholasticæ is a very good paper for a school. The article entitled "The Shaker Brotherhood" is interesting; the rules and regulations are especially so. There is also a pretty little poem entitled "A Fragment."

The Bates Journal is decidedly heavy in the literary line, in fact, we have the same

complaint to make of many of our exchanges. Why do they want, all the time, to write such articles as "Great Men," and "Sir Philip Sydney"? A college paper should discard such articles. They are good subjects for a Sophomore's theme, but not for a representative college paper.

Ah! What paper is this? It is *The Princetonian*. This time it is readable. We quote from an editorial which will be of interest to Hartford people:—"The half a dozen cases of sickness in the college originated from using the water of a single well, heretofore reported to be of uncommon purity." We also learn that one of the students died through drinking this impure water.

The new journal "*The Haverfordian*" is improving. The number before us contains a sensible article entitled "College Reading." There is also a very able editorial, of more than local interest, on the subject of a uniform examination for admission to colleges, so that a certificate of success at one college will admit the holder of it to another, without re-examination.

The last number of the *Acta Columbiana* fully sustains its reputation. From it we learn that the Inter-Collegiate Press Association is still an uncertainty. The decision of the editors, in regard to calling the meeting for organization, depends upon the answers yet to be received from certain college papers. The next number will contain the *Acta's* determination. New Haven is to be the place of meeting. The *Acta* complains: "There are too many poor college papers being started. Hardly a mail arrives but we receive at least one new visitor, conspicuously marked, 'Please exchange.' If they were of any rare merit or even were destined to serve a useful purpose, it would not be so bad; but without any cause or reason they spring up, like mushrooms, in a single night." There is, no doubt, good reason for this complaint of the *Acta*. At the same time we think it injudicious to speak thus of those who are starting new papers at colleges, especially where none exist. We must remember that a good college paper is not an immediate but a gradual growth, and that faults, and bad taste, are especially notice-

able in the first numbers. Give them a chance and encourage them, and if you find they do not improve then comes the time for rebuke and censure.

PARTICLES.

Measles.

Miss A. B.

The Campus has been mown.

Advice to the Ball Nine,—Try again.

The Oratorical Contest has at last taken place.

The Athletic Sports will be of unusual interest.

Recess is over and reviews have commenced.

Queen Catherine was, in truth, a "funny old gal."

Professor Richardson intends to visit Germany this summer.

The College was recently visited by a large party from the Troy Polytechnic.

Owing to the fishy taste of the water, the students have been obliged to get their supply from the spring.

It would be a good plan for the Prof. of Chemistry to analyze the peculiar qualities of the spring.

The Glee Club should take more interest in college exercises, for they ought to have sung in the Oratorical Contest.

Two of our editors are absent from College. Mr. Parsons is sick at home, and Mr. White is still enjoying the pleasures of his Easter Vacation.

The Professor of English thinks that the P. V. D. will have to be omitted this year, as three of the competitors have resigned for various reasons.

One step has been taken in improving our surroundings, by removing the unsightly architect's office. Could not the horse shed be placed in some less conspicuous spot?

Once, at Yale, the students were forbidden to appear in female attire on the stage; they therefore wore ladies' wigs and dress-waists, with a label on the back; "This is a woman." Our fellow students, who took ladies' parts in the burlesque, should have been labeled "This is a man" for nobody would have dreamed it.